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1.  The amendment filed on 04 February 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

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AMENDMENT UNDER CFR 35 1.312

Pursuant to the telephone call between Chris Ramos, myself and the Examiner on February 4, 2004, the agreed upon amendment is presented below to clarify wording in the claims.

In the Claims, please amend as follows:

Please enter In claim 2: line 5, delete "in"

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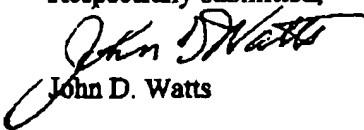
line 6, Replace "that" with --than--

line 7, Before "desired" delete "a"

In claim 3: line 5, before "dimension" delete "in"

Applicant requests that the claims be amended as marked, and that the application be issued at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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